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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6988**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1577

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 18, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 17, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Safety Belt Usage.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Day

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires every occupant of a motor vehicle to wear a safety belt, with certain exceptions. It removes conflicting language in the passenger restraint system law that was declared invalid by the Indiana supreme court.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) Staff in the Criminal Justice Institute report that some incentive money might become available from the National Highway Safety Administration if this bill is passed and seat belt usage increases to more than 80%. The funds from NHTSA are competitive, so the added revenue is not possible to estimate.

Currently, the Criminal Justice Institute reports that following for seat belt usage in Indiana:

- All vehicles -- 72.2%
- Passenger cars -- 82.3%
- Pick up trucks -- 46.7%

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:** Jerry McCrory, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

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